

deeper insight into the necessity for better social and industrial legislation will make this congress a thing well worth while.

But they need not expect to get any credit for blazing the trail right now. They may never get any, but, if they do, it will be years from now when someone remembers that once on a time it was an entirely new departure for women to assemble from all parts of a city and state and discuss what improvement should be made in laws.

The Senate Welfare commission that created this congress blazed a trail two years ago over which many states have enacted a minimum wage law or created minimum wage commissions, but not only has Illinois failed to give credit to the trail blazers but she has failed to follow the trail thus blazed.

MOST ANYTHING

A Chicagoan who weighs something less than 200 was riding home in a crowded Madison street car. He was jammed right up against the front door. "Move forward, please," piped the conductor.

"If I move any further forward," said the heavy set gentleman, "I'll be run over."

More kids have been disappointed after this short spell of snow than any in the history of this windy city," said the veteran conductor. "I don't mean the kind who own sleds, I refer to the gangs that used to pelt those who stood on the rear platform of the cars. The pay-as-you-enter cars have put somewhat of a stop to that. But still there are plenty of lines where the kids can heave 'em at plug hats. Those who live on the Cottage Grove line and a few others are in hard luck."

BRIBE CHARGE IN FISH CASE

The story of an attempt to bribe a witness with \$5,000 to tell a tale fa-

vorable to Joseph Fish, wealthy fire insurance adjuster on trial for arson, came out in the hearing Friday.

Max Pfeilschmidt, 815 Independence blvd., accused Ben Bachrach, attorney for Fish, of sending a "go-between" to him with a large cash offer, asking him not to testify against the man accused by David Korshak, confessed "firebug."

Bachrach denied the charges. Ass't State's Attorney Frank Johnson, prosecuting the case, will investigate. He said that he had heard of several attempts to bribe witnesses but that was the first definite accusation.

COURT INTERFERES WITH THE HANGING OF NEGROES

Starkville, Miss., Dec. 12.—Ten thousand persons, whites and negroes, who journeyed here from the surrounding country to witness the advertised public execution of Dit Seals and Peter Bolen, negroes sentenced to hang, were deprived of their diversion when the negroes were saved by supreme court action. The court shortly before the time set for the hanging granted the condemned negroes' appeal which will not be disposed of for six months. The graves had been made ready by the executioners and two coffins had been placed near the scaffold to receive the bodies when the court action interrupted the plans.

LYNCH ANOTHER NEGRO

Shreveport, La., Dec. 12.—The third lynching in this vicinity in the last 36 hours was effected today when a mob hanged the second of two negroes who confessed that because of "hard times" they had murdered Cyrus Hopkins with robbery as the motive.

Previously another negro had been executed without trial when he admitted the murder of a merchant near here. Twelve negroes have been lynched in the immediate vicinity of Vicksburg within six months.